

Chapter 50

LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Sec. 50-1. Office of marshal abolished.

The office of marshal in the city is hereby abolished and dispensed with. (Ord. No. 019B, §1, 4-5-1984)

Sec. 50-2. Positions of chief of police, police officers and supplementary police officers created; appointment and term of office.

There is hereby created the position of chief of police, police officers and supplementary police officers. The chief of police and police officers shall be appointed by the City Council. Supplementary police officers shall be appointed and/or relieved by the Chief of Police subject to City Council approval. Such positions shall have no term of office, but shall serve at the will and pleasure of the City Council. (Ord. No. 019B, §2, 4-5-1984)

Sec. 50-3. Compensation of supplementary police officers; number; training.

Supplementary police officers shall serve at a wage set by the City Council. This wage may be paid annually, in advance, at the discretion of the chief of police. The total number of supplementary police officers shall be set by a formal vote of the City Council with a simple majority prevailing. Supplementary police officers must comply with the minimum training standards established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education for Peace Officers. Prior to completion of this training they may function as a police officer only with a certified city peace officer present. (Ord. No. 019B, §3, 4-5-1984)

Sec. 50-4. Employment status of police officers; holding other city office; powers and duties as peace officers.

All police officers shall hold no office in the city, as defined in V.T.C.A., Local Government Code ch. 22, but shall be an employee of the city; provided, however, that such police officers shall be peace officers as defined in Vernon's Ann. C.C.P. art. 2.12, with all of the powers and duties conferred upon peace officers under the laws of the state. (Ord. No. 019B, §4, 4-5-1984)

Sec. 50-5. Qualifications and residency of police officers.

All police officers shall hold a certificate as qualified law enforcement officers from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education as provided in V.T.C.A., Occupations Code ch. 1701, unless serving under a temporary or probationary appointment as provided in said act. They may reside within or without the corporate limits of said city, as the City Council may authorize and direct. (Ord. No. 019B, §5, 4-5-1984)

Chapters 51 - 53. Reserved.